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Eminem To Reunite D12 For New Album

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As if releasing two albums in one year isn't enough, [artist id="502642"]Eminem[/artist] is also planning to reunite his Detroit crew, [artist id="1162870"]D12[/artist], and release the first new album from the group in five years.

Slim Shady said on BET's "Rap City: The Relapse" special on Friday that D12 are planning to hit the studio soon to begin work on the disc. The yet-unnamed album from the crew will be their first since the [article id="1528698"]death of member Proof[/article] three years ago, a death that Eminem has said caused him to go into a depressive spiral of drug use.

"Me and the guys, we got a bond, it's special," Em said of the group, which also includes Bizarre, Kon Artis, Kuniva and Swifty. "It's like, as far as the future of D12, we're gonna be back in the studio soon."

D12 have released two albums, 2001's *Devil's Night* and 2004's *D12 World.* Part of the reason Eminem said he decided to reform the group for a third album was because of his respect and love for Proof, who was his best friend and one of his biggest supporters when the then-unknown D-Town MC was trying to make a name for himself.

"Right now, my music would probably be the same [if Proof was still alive]," Em said in the "Rap City" interview. "I think this is what Proof always wanted, was for me to go crazy again. My life would be different because I would still have him."

D12 reunited for a one-off performance last month to celebrate the release of Em's *Relapse* album.